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Mark Spinale, Manager
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Dear Mr. Spinale:

As you may know, the Ferrisburgh Fire District #1 is the designated recipient of Special Appropriation Act Project (SAAP) grants appropriated in both FY2009 (\$291,000) and FY 2010 (\$291,000) for water supply upgrades/water infrastructure improvements. It has been the goal of the Ferrisburgh Fire District #1 and the North Ferrisburgh Water Committee to extend a water line to serve an area of North Ferrisburgh that currently relies on private residential wells.

We certainly understand the mission of the VTDEC and the U.S. EPA is to improve and protect water quality and public health, and that any available federal funds are expected to be awarded in a timely matter. We certainly appreciate the efforts of the VTDEC in trying to help our community over these past several years to properly secure these available federal funds, as well as the patience of the EPA.

Unfortunately, our endeavor over the past number of years to provide potable water to North Ferrisburgh has not been successful. We have been unable to garner the necessary support to secure the required 45% local match, as well as additional funds to move the project forward.

As a result, the Ferrisburgh Fire District would like to officially inform the U.S. EPA that it no longer wants these available earmarked funds. At the same time, the Ferrisburgh Fire District would like to request that the U.S. EPA take the appropriate steps, if at all possible, in concert with the Congressional delegation in Vermont and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC), to re-allocate these funds to an existing active STAG earmark project that may be better able to utilize these federal funds for beneficial water infrastructure improvements in the State of Vermont.


Thank you for this opportunity to submit this formal request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,



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